

TPS Summer Reading – Students Entering 6th Grade

Summer is the perfect time to sit back, relax, and read a good book, or two! While you are enjoying your summer vacation I encourage you to read at least **one** fiction book of your choice. Listed below are some fantastic stories that you might enjoy. Check it out, and if any of those books seems like a good fit for you, read it! If not, you can visit your local library or bookstore to find the perfect book to enjoy this summer. After you have finished the book, please complete **one** journal response to bring with you when you return to school in September. Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Suggested Books

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Nothing but the Truth by Avi

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Striderby Beverly Cleary

A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements

My Brother Sam is Dead by James Collier

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Sammy Keyes Mysteries by Wendelin van Draanen

The City of Ember by Jeanna Duprau

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

Savvy by Ingrid Law

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

White Fang by Jack London

The Summer of the Gypsy Moths by Sara Pennypacker

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

The Big Field by Mike Lupica

Heat by Mike Lupica

Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell

The Island by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson & the Olympians by Rick Riordan

The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muroz Ryan

The Invention of Hugo Cabrera by Brian Selznick

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Wringer by Jerry Spinelli

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Journal Response

Choose one of the prompts listed below to write a journal entry based on the book you chose to read this summer.

1. What was the problem or conflict of your book? Which characters were involved? How was the problem or conflict solved? Be sure to use details from the story in your response.
2. Describe a minor character in your book. Identify the character by name and describe him/her. What is the character's part in the story? How does this character feel about the main character and vice-versa? Use examples from the story in your response.
3. Who is the main character in your book? What is this character like? Tell the character's name, age, appearance, friends, personality, and problems.
4. What do you think of the title of your book? Is it a good title? Does it fit your book? Why do you think the author chose this title? Explain how the title fits the book, or make up a better title and tell why the new title is better suited to the story.
5. How did the main character in your book change or grow from the beginning to end? Be sure to provide examples from the story that demonstrate this character change.
6. What caused the story to end the way it did: the character's luck, hard work, skill, or a bright idea? What lesson can you take away from the story?

Journal Response

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title of Book: _____ Author: _____

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